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Padre Dam Receives Platinum District of Distinction Recognition

Santee, CA– Padre Dam Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors recently accepted the Platinum District of Distinction Recognition, the highest accreditation for a district awarded by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). This designation recognizes Padre Dam for its sound policies and practices in the areas of fiscal management, governance, Board conduct, district finances and transparency.

“We are honored to be one of only eleven special districts in California to receive the designation of a Platinum District of Distinction,” said Allen Carlisle, General Manager and CEO of Padre Dam. “This accreditation highlights significant effort by Padre Dam staff and the District’s Board of Directors to prioritize transparency and maintain excellence in governance and administration.”

In preparation to earn the Platinum District of Distinction accreditation, Padre Dam completed requirements for and received SDLF’s District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, which evaluates District policies to ensure compliance with State laws as well as the transparency of information shared on website and through outreach programs.

Padre Dam’s Board of District showed their commitment to identifying as a Platinum District of Distinction through the completion of the Recognition in Special District Governance certification.

Additionally, Padre Dam’s General Manager earned the Special District Administrator Certification as part of the qualifications for Platinum Level recognition. This certification requires passing an exam showing knowledge of excellence in governance, policy development, ethics in public service, strategic planning, finances and more. Padre Dam’s five Board of Directors earned their Recognition in Special District Governance by completing the Special District Leadership Academy as well as completing 10 hours of continuing education.

Padre Dam first received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence in 2014, and first achieved District of Distinction recognition in 2015.

About Padre Dam

Padre Dam provides water, sewer, recycled water and recreation services to approximately 100,000 residents in East San Diego County including Santee, El Cajon, Lakeside, Flinn Springs, Harbison Canyon, Blossom Valley, Alpine, Dehesa and Crest. The District currently imports 100% of its drinking water supply and treats two million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater at its Water Recycling Facility. Please visit www.padredam.org for more information.